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PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** State Board of Education

**From:** Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman

**Subject:** Adoption of Resolution Honoring Virginia Harmon

Attached is a resolution in honor of Virginia Harmon, former Deputy Director, Michigan Department of Community Health, in appreciation for her collaborative efforts with the Michigan Department of Education.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 21, 2003, honoring Virginia Harmon.

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RESOLUTION

VIRGINIA R. HARMON

WHEREAS, during her tenure with the Michigan Department of Community Health, Virginia R. Harmon previously directed the Community Living, Children and Families Administration Unit, where she was responsible for directing the state's Title V (Maternal and Child Health) and Title X (Family Planning) programs; and

WHEREAS, Virginia R. Harmon has most recently served as the Department of Community Health Quality Management and Customer Services Administrator, which includes the operational units that assess performance of Qualified Health Plans, fee for service providers, and Specialty Services Plans providers of the state's Medicaid programs; and

WHEREAS, in her most recent role, Virginia R. Harmon has worked as the Department's Interdepartmental Liaison for such groups as the Statewide Independent Living Council, the Board of Directors for the Michigan Public Health Institute, and the State's Council on Developmental Disability; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with local Multi-Purpose Collaborative Bodies, Virginia R. Harmon also chaired the "Putting It Together With Michigan's Communities and Families" (PIT) state level collaboration team; and

WHEREAS, during her 25 years with the public mental health system in Michigan, Virginia R. Harmon has demonstrated leadership and personal integrity; and

WHEREAS, Virginia R. Harmon greatest strengths include her willingness to create new programs and collaborate effectively, while always placing Michigan's most vulnerable citizens first; and

WHEREAS, Virginia R. Harmon has informed the State Board of Education of her retirement from the Michigan Department of Community Health as of January 31, 2003; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education receives with deep regret the news of the well-deserved retirement of this able and distinguished public servant; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education extends to Virginia R. Harmon its highest regard and heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and expertise she has brought to the children and families of Michigan; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education expresses its fervent wish that Virginia R. Harmon enjoys many years of happiness, good health, and rewarding experiences during her years of retirement.